

These are the minutes of the Regular Session of the City of Adams, WI held on May 19, 2014 in the City Municipal Building.

Meeting was called to order by Mayor Baumgartner. On roll call were Alderpersons Hilson, Jensen, LaQuee, Marti, Roseberry, Mayor Baumgartner, Chief Anderson and Street Superintendent Mead. Alderperson Kierstyn and Administrator Ellisor were excused.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Motion by Jensen, second by Hilson to approve the minutes of the meetings held May 5, 2014 and May 7, 2014 as printed. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Petitions and Communications: None presented.

Report of Standing Committees:

**Cable Advisory:**

Discussion Relating to Cable Services and Channel 4 Programming: The goal of the committee is to get digital cable to the residents of the City. Last year, the City of Adams contacted Marquette Adams about possibly expanding their digital cable service to the City. Mayor Baumgartner will contact MSA for possible grants for fiber optic expansion to the City. The committee plans to set up a meeting with Marquette Adams to discuss possible services. The committee had a brief discussion about updates to Channel 4.

**Policy & Procedure Committee:**

Discussion was held on the Ordinance Codification. Members are to review Titles 1 & 3 and bring back any changes or additions to the next meeting.

Chief Anderson discussed Implementation of a Municipal Court. He will bring back more information for the next meeting.

Recommendations were made to Approve the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance.

**Fire District:**

Chief's Report: There were 11 calls since the last report. No action taken on confined spaces. A discussion was held on the Easton Pond Fill Site. A discussion was held regarding repairs to truck pumping system. A discussion was held regarding Act 270. (Uniform Building Code)

**Public Safety Committee:**

Department Update: A discussion was held regarding the new squad car and that it is working out very well. Discussion was held concerning unsubstantiated prescription thefts.

Discussion Regarding City Curfew: A notice has already been placed in the paper regarding the City Curfew: 11:00 p.m. till 5:00 a.m.

Discussion Regarding Property Maintenance: There have been 22 complaints, 2 citations and 5 have already come into compliance.

Discussion Regarding Extra Police Patrol – Burt Morris Park: Chief Anderson has plans in place for this extra patrol.

Discussion Regarding Crosswalks: The Wisconsin Department of Transportation has given permission to repaint crosswalks.

Motions were made to Approve Building Inspector/Zoning Administrator's Detailed Report.

Motions were made to Approve Police Report.

**Public Works Committee:**

In Petitions & Communications: Workforce Development's part time worker has started. All wages are covered under their program.

Report on Public Works Department Activity: Discussions were held regarding: planters for Hazel Street will be completed by Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup>. Leaf pick-up will continue for another week. Mowing and trimming

Status of Water Utility System: No discussion was held, take off future agendas.

Discussion/Recommendation Relating to Little League Contract – Burt Morris Park: A discussion was held and it was a consensus of the committee to accept the contract as presented.

**Downtown Development Commission:**

In Petitions & Communications: Adams County Health and Human Services Health Officer, Sarah Grosshuesch presented information regarding a CHIP (Community Health Improvement Plan) Grant.

Discussion/Review – General Development: Lions Park planters were completed and placed on Hazel Street. A discussion was held regarding posting signs, cones and flags indicating the part of Hazel that is closed. Twin Creeks, Woodsman, Ace/Anchor Floral and the 4H Youth Leaders have committed to sponsor the planters with flowers.

Discussion Park Activities and Calendar of Events for 2014: Mayor and Baumgartner and Admin. Asst. Michelle Klein will be creating and mailing out a letter inviting organizations to hold events in the Lions Park. Any organization that may want to utilize Lions Park for community events are inviting to attend the next Meeting.

**Report of City Officers:**

**Mayor Baumgartner:** Reported that letters have been mailed for the Parks events calendar and hope to get some responses back. The planters have been set out to block Hazel street and Twin Creeks Nursery, Ace Hardware/Anchor Floral and area 4H Youth Leaders have committed to sponsor the flowers. GRABAAWR will be coming through Adams again on June 25<sup>th</sup> which would be a great opportunity for some organizations to have events going on. As a reminder, garbage is to be set out no sooner than 24 hours prior to pick up. We are asking to be more attentive to clean up and remove your garbage cans after pick up. The containers need to have a top on it. We are asking that everyone comply or you will get notices from the Police Department.

**Police Chief Anderson:** Reported that he had nothing further to add then what was discussed at the Public Safety meeting.

**New and Unfinished Business:**

**Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to remove the Little League Contract from the Table. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Marti, second by Jensen to Approve the Little League Contract. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Mayor Baumgartner stated that the Chronic Nuisance Premises Ordinance before Council was a recommendation from the Policy & Procedure Committee. Chief Anderson explained the Chronic Nuisance Ordinance being proposed gives the Department some leverage in dealing with the chronic problems. For properties that Officers have been to four or five times in a year, if they cannot eliminate the problem with the tenant or property owner, the ordinance will allow them to write a citation and it also allows them to bill for services rendered. He stated that there is a process that needs to be followed. Mayor Baumgartner stated that we have discussed this over the years and have quite a few properties that keep returning to our Safety Committee for discussion. **Motion by Marti, second by Hilson to adopt Ordinance 05-2014 Relating to Chronic Nuisance Premises.** LaQuee stated this is one reason we need a City Attorney and feels it should not be passed without an Attorney's opinion. Chief Anderson explained that this Ordinance is similar to other Municipalities. In his opinion it would be a waste of time and money for an Attorney to review. This is consistent with other Departments and Municipalities in the State of Wisconsin that has adopted this ordinance. LaQuee stated normally we had a City Attorney come to meetings and give his opinion on the Ordinance to see if it is enforceable and asked for a second reading for a chance to read it. Mayor Baumgartner stated that she attended a League Seminar a year and a half ago on Tenant and Landlord Rights and this was a recommended Ordinance

at that time and a State wide regulation was out there. **Motion Marti, second by Hilson to amend the previous motion to this being the first reading of Ordinance 05-2014 and the second reading to be at the next Council meeting. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by Jensen, second by Marti to Approve Payment of Bills. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

**Motion by LaQuee, second by Jensen to Adjourn. Roll call vote, all voted aye.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Janet L. Winters, CMC, WCMC, CMTW  
Clerk/Treasurer